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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Eisenhower Policies

ASIDE from the controversial decision to withdraw the US Seventh Fleet from the Straits of Formosa, President Eisenhower's State of the Union message contained recommendations of as much interest and importance to the outside world as to the American nation. The British Commonwealth, together with the rest of the Sterling area, have reason to feel encouraged by the President's proposal to revise the American customs regulations for the purpose of "removing procedural obstacles to profitable trading". His recommendation that the Government should do its best to encourage the flow of private American investment abroad may also be regarded as a gesture to help Sterling bloc countries in their big task of regaining economic and financial solvency. So far as international trade and economic policies are concerned, President Eisenhower gives heartening signs that he is not only alive to the pressing problems of America's Western Allies, but is willing to go a considerable way in helping them iron out their difficulties. Certainly Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler need not approach their forthcoming mission to Washington with any feeling of despondency.

ANOTHER proposal, which America's friends will welcome is that Congress should amend the McCarran-Walters Immigration Act. This measure, adopted over the veto of Mr. Truman, has caused considerable and not unjustified resentment outside of the United States. In its application it is felt to impede unfairly on the rights and freedom of non-American subjects, particularly ships' crews whose duty, and not personal choice, takes them to American ports. Nor does it seem right and proper that American immigration officials and other investigators should assume the privilege of screening passengers and crews aboard foreign ships while they are outside of American territorial waters. Manifestly there are certain features about the McCarran-Walters Act which are inimical to the interests of America and her allies, and they should be removed.

IN the field of purely domestic policies, President Eisenhower is rather more tentative. His objective, however, can be expected to enjoy a popular appeal. He aims to reduce what hitherto have been regarded as inevitable deficits and to balance the budget; to check inflation; reduce taxation; cut expenditure. These are time-honoured national targets, highly desirable, but never easy to achieve. Moreover, the President tacitly acknowledges the dilemma which such a programme imposes. Leadership of the free world involves heavy additional burdens which drain on the nation's resources. Those obligations cannot be repudiated without leaving the free world forsaken and at the mercy of imperialistic aggressors. And President Eisenhower has no intention of letting down America's allies and friends. Thus he must continue to commit his country to heavy international responsibilities involving substantial expenditures over and above those needed for the domestic front. All will wish him well in his endeavours to balance the budget, but he will deserve no recriminations if he fails to accomplish this at the first attempt.

RISK OF WAR WITH RED CHINA 'NOT MUCH GREATER'—BRADLEY

Large-Scale Nationalist Raids Unlikely Yet THINKS COMMUNISTS CAN BE DIVERTED



The scene during the taking of the village of Trung-Thon about twenty kilometres from Nam Dinh, when combined French and Vietnam troops recently landed on the coast of Delta near Van Ly region to encircle Vietminh rebels who defended the section during the Indo-China battles. — London Express.

Floods Death Toll: 605 In Holland: 285 In England SCORES OF PEOPLE STILL MISSING

London, Feb. 3. The death toll of the North Sea floods climbed towards the one-thousand mark today as weary men, women and children worked to brace the weakened sea defences against the early morning tide.

Holland alone had an estimated 605 deaths and the count in England was 285. Belgium suffered relatively lightly with 11 reported dead, but everywhere the count was expected to rise.

Hundreds of Dutch people were still missing and great tracts of hard-won land tended for generations were snatched back by the icy waters. It was estimated that one million Dutch people were in distress.

In England, where the disaster had extended to 100 miles along the coast from the Humber to the Thames, up to 900 people were reported missing. Under the glare of searchlights thrown out, soldiers worked feverishly, waist deep in water, to plug gaps torn in seawalls by the fury of the gales and sea.

SWIFT ACTION
The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, took swift action to cope with Britain's worst-ever flood disaster and promised the House of Commons yesterday that the catastrophe would be treated on a national basis.

Eleven ministers met to discuss the floods and a committee of four was set up to handle the attempt to push back the sea. By far the hardest hit of Holland's provinces was Zeeland, comprising low-lying reclaimed land along the Rhine-Scheldt delta area. Sleet and biting winds swept the waste of waters last night, bringing new torrents to the unknown number of survivors on swaying treetops and ruined buildings.

A whole island disappeared, leaving only treetops and roofs to mark the surface of the angry sea. Livestock perished in wholesale slaughter. King Baudouin of the Belgians yesterday toured the West Flanders flood area for two hours and visited one of the worst menaced spots—Nieuport, near the French frontier. Belgians were anxious to see whether the Coxyde dyke, hammered by the gale all day, will stand up to high tide. If it breaks, then Coxyde, near Nieuport, will become the country's greatest danger area. The King later drove to the Antwerp area where the situation was reported "tense". Yesterday evening, all the unemployed in that district have been called on to join the rescue teams. Tugs and

15 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Another Aircraft Missing
Tripoli, Feb. 3.
A United States Air Force four-engine aircraft crashed on the eastern edge of Wheelus Field Base at 5:20 this morning.

All 15 persons on board were killed instantly. The plane was taking off on a routine training mission. The cause of the accident is unknown but a board of qualified officers is to investigate. Names of casualties will be released as soon as next-of-kin have been notified. According to reliable informants the plane had an altitude of perhaps 80 feet when an engine burst into flame. The pilot fought for altitude to miss the Mussallat Stadium, which has not yet been cleared from the end of the runway area. The plane skidded over the stadium but settled across the Wheelus Field road and exploded. — Associated Press.

PLANE DISAPPEARS
Feetwale, Feb. 3.
Thirty-nine Britons are feared dead in a four-engine aircraft plane missing over the Atlantic on a flight from Britain to Gander, Newfoundland. They include 10 soldiers and their wives and 13 children, and a crew of six.

The plane, a York belonging to Skyways Limited, was on charter to the War Office. It took off from Bishop Cleeve, in the English Midlands, on Sunday and was bound for Jamaica, 300 miles off Gander. The pilot reported bad weather, then at 5:30 a.m. GMT today (1.30 p.m. Monday HKR) put out an SOS call. It has not been heard of since.

Six Royal Canadian Air Force Lancaster bombers searched the area. — Associated Press.

Explosion At Woolwich Arsenal
London, Feb. 3.
Six persons were believed to be dead and several others were injured when a lorry loaded with explosives blew up tonight at the Woolwich Arsenal. Searchers are reported reaching here. A Supply Ministry spokesman said the explosion occurred when workers were unloading a truck carrying 25-pound shells. — France Press.

Queen Will Start Tour By Flying To W. Indies

London, Feb. 2.
Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will fly to Bermuda and Jamaica in November at the start of a Commonwealth tour, which will take them round the world, it was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

The Queen and the Duke will join the liner Gothic at Jamaica, and will sail through the Panama Canal across the Pacific to Auckland, New Zealand, visiting Fiji and Tonga on the way.

It is not yet known what type of aircraft the Queen and the Duke will use for their flight to Bermuda—a distance of about 3,000 miles. The flight plan will probably include a stop at Gander. At present the nonstop flight to Bermuda takes about 10 hours.

Mr. Holland, the New Zealand Prime Minister, has already announced that the Queen will deliver her 1933 Christmas Day radio message to her peoples from Government House, Auckland.

Eden Has A Question For Dulles

London, Feb. 3.
Mr. John Foster Dulles, architect of the Japanese Peace Treaty and new American Foreign Secretary, flies into London—and possibly diplomatic trouble—from Paris today (Tuesday).

As President Eisenhower's Constellation with Mr. Dulles lands in London, Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, will—according to present plans—be telling Parliament what Britain thinks about the American decision to end the neutralisation of Formosa.

Mr. Eden will want to know how Mr. Dulles feels about the decision and not, as is often thought, though he is intimately involved in the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Eden will also discuss with Mr. Dulles the details and timing of the projected Anglo-American economic talks in Washington. These discussions will be on the Commonwealth plan, which was drafted by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Economic Conference here in November and December.

BIRTHDAY IN CEYLON
The Queen will spend her 28th birthday—April 21—in Ceylon. It was just over 12 months ago—on January 31, 1952—that the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, and the Duke of Edinburgh set off from London airport on the first stage of their proposed Commonwealth tour, which ended so tragically a week later with the death of the King.

They had reached Nairobi the day after their departure from London and were spending a few days in Kenya before going to join the liner Gothic at

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RUSSIA AND E. GERMANY Possibility Of A Reversal In Kremlin's Policy



Boy Scouts give a demonstration of spinning wheels of rope and cork at the Pan-Pacific Jamboree, held on the historic old property "Greystones" near Parramatta, west of Sydney, Australia. This is the second Australian Jamboree to be given the title "Pan-Pacific", the first being held at Olympia in 1920, where Lord Baden-Powell was acclaimed Chief Scout of the World. — Express Photo.

British Plane Lands Safely

Lisbon, Feb. 2.
A British flying-boat landed safely in the River Tagus near Lisbon today after an engine caught fire during its flight from the Atlantic island of Madeira. The crew and 30 passengers aboard were unharmed.

The four-engined plane, owned by Aquila Airways, developed the engine fire on its regular run from the Portuguese island, 600 miles south of Lisbon. — Associated Press.

RUSSIAN GENERAL'S OUTBURST

West Accused Of Reviving Fascism

Moscow, Feb. 2.
Soviet General Vasil Chulikov, Stalingrad victor in World War II, today charged "Anglo-American imperialists" with reviving the fascism from whose slavery, he said, the Stalingrad battle had saved civilization.

Writing in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda on the 10th anniversary of his victory, General Chulikov, now Commander-in-Chief, Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany, said the "imperialists" aimed at world domination.

The Americans had assumed the role of "world generals" seeking to implant fascism everywhere and basing a foreign policy on blackmail and intimidation.

The Soviet people were experienced in the struggle against aggressors and accustomed to beating them, he wrote.

In addition to aiming at a revival of fascism in Western Germany, Japan and Italy and to create fascist armies, the "imperialists" planned to liberate top Hitler generals from prison and install them in their own service. — Reuter.

PUSAN FIRE SEQUEL

Pusan, Feb. 2.
South Korean National Assembly members today moved a motion of no confidence against the Home Minister, Mr. Chibi Hoi Suk, for alleged failure to take adequate preventive steps against last Friday's disastrous fire.

The fire, which destroyed 1,540 homes, was estimated to have caused \$3,000,000 worth of damage.

The motion against the Minister was expected to be put to the vote on Wednesday. — Reuter.

CHURCHILL URGES VIGILANCE

London, Feb. 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, today urged the utmost vigilance and union by the Western powers to safeguard peace.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, had asked him in the House of Commons if he would set the factors on which the Government based its view that the danger of war had receded.

In previous questions Mr. Wyatt had said this view was contrary to statements made by General Matthew Ridgway, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr. Churchill replied by repeating the words of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on January 21: "When we say that the risk of general war seems to have receded, it is because we ourselves have been stronger and more united."

"That is all. If we were to weaken we should lose what we have gained." — Reuter.

Beacons For Coronation

London, Feb. 2.
British Boy Scouts will hold the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2 by lighting a nationwide chain of beacons.

They will be touched off by night simultaneously across the country on high points and where possible within sight of each other.

The Scouts forged a similar chain of 1,775 beacons on May 6, 1935 to celebrate the Jubilee of King George V. — Associated Press.

Japanese Gesture

Tokyo, Feb. 2.
The Japanese Red Cross today announced that it was sending 1,000,000 yen's worth of relief goods to Pusan for victims of the fire which destroyed a good part of the city on Friday. — Reuter.

London, Feb. 2.
Diplomatic quarters here believe that the Kremlin is seriously considering the conclusion of a peace treaty with East Germany which will give her back the Silesian territories which she lost to Poland.

Under the Potsdam Agreement between Britain, America and Russia, these lands were provisionally awarded to Poland pending a final peace settlement.

No peace treaty has been concluded, but in 1950, under Soviet auspices, the East German authorities signed the Silesian territories away to Poland.

The recent arrest of Georg Dertinger, the East German Foreign Minister who signed the agreement, may, these quarters believe, be the first step towards reversal in Soviet foreign policy.

A Russo-German peace treaty would be Moscow's answer to the Western Powers' treaty with the West German Government at Bonn, signed last May but still to be ratified.

Restoration to Germany of the lost territories east of the rivers Oder and Neisse, at present the frontier with Poland, would presumably be aimed at distracting public attention from the great differences in living conditions in East and West Germany.

Soviet generosity might at the same time be contrasted with French intransigence over the Saar, the pocket State which France demands remain independent of Germany.

This bid for East German support could be made without any sacrifice by the Soviet Union itself, British circles emphasize, while the Russian war hero, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, as Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, would be well placed to deal with any opposition in that country.

For the rest, once East Germany is completely brought into line as a satellite country, it would make little difference to Moscow whether Silesia were nominally part of Germany or of Poland.

But it is doubted whether East Germany is yet ready to receive the full satellite status which would accompany a peace treaty, practically an entailing a withdrawal of Russian troops.

For there are still non-Communists in the East German administration. And in spite of the attempt to seal off the two Germanies by barring a zone 400-mile frontier last summer, movement is still more feasible between East and West Germany than across other parts of the Iron Curtain border.

There is also a serious chink in the curtain in Berlin—through which between 600 and 1,000 refugees flee from East Germany every day.

Recent measures bringing the East Berlin administration into line with that of the rest of East Germany, and new hindrances on travel between the Russian zone and West Berlin, suggest that the Kremlin may be intending to close this escape route.

THREE COURSES

This could be done in one of three ways:

1. The Iron Curtain might be drawn in the very heart of Berlin, between the Eastern and Western sectors, though this would be both physically difficult and extremely unpopular.

2. Some kind of screen might be established between the Russian sector of Berlin and the rest of the Russian zone.

3. Traffic along the autobahns (motor roads) from Berlin to the West might be restricted, although this would come perilously near to reimposing the blockade.

If any one of these methods were adopted to close the gap in the Iron Curtain, East Germany might be considered secure enough to be entrusted with the nominal independence accorded to other satellites.

Unlike the negotiations between the Western Allies and the Federal Government before the Bonn Treaty last year, talks between Stalin and the East German authorities are unlikely to be protracted, and a peace treaty might follow without

warning upon any seemingly casual visit of an East German leader to Moscow.

The only advance indication appears that the elimination from the East German regime of the remaining non-Communists. These parties would not oppose the Communist line, but the East German Communists may feel bound to destroy even the labels reminiscent of pre-Communist days before they can hope to achieve equality with a one-party State like Poland.

In this context, the fact that the fallen Foreign Minister was a Christian Democrat, and the arrested Minister of Supply, Dr. Karl Hamann, a Liberal Democrat, seems significant.

A full-scale purge appears to be beginning. In this, it would appear that Walter Ulbricht, the Deputy Prime Minister, who really rules the country under Moscow's orders, intends to eliminate simultaneously non-Communist political figures and Communist rivals for power.

He will combine this with blaming the shortages of food and medical supplies on suitable scapegoats. There had been reports that Ludwig Stiedte, the Christian Democrat Minister of Health, is also in disgrace.

Others who may soon be faced with the traditional changes familiar in East European political trials are Gerhard Eisler, the deposed Minister of Information, and Gerhard Ziller, Minister of Machine Construction, of whom criticisms have recently appeared in the East German Press. — Reuter.

RAISING STANDARDS OF LIVING

MPs To Introduce Motion In House

London, Feb. 2.
A plea for a world development authority to raise the standard of living in underdeveloped areas is the subject of a House of Commons debate to take place on Friday this week.

The motion stands in the name of three Socialist members, Mr. Frank Beswick, Mr. Harold Wilson and Mr. Noel Baker. It states:

"That this House, taking note of the resolution adopted by the recent Parliamentary Conference on World Government, is of the opinion that the urgent positive duty of mankind is to raise the quality of living of all peoples in underdeveloped areas and to eliminate illiteracy, squalor, hunger, malnutrition and preventable disease from their lives, and is further of the opinion that economic and social stability and permanent peace will not be achieved on this globe until this duty of mankind is fulfilled, it therefore calls upon Her Majesty's Government to propose at the United Nations that a world development authority be created charged with the task and armed with the means of fulfilling this duty."

Mr. Beswick said that the plan was intended to make easier the working of such schemes as the Point Four programme for the development of underdeveloped territories.

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Krupp Opens Hotel



Berthold Krupp von Bolden und Halbach (left) a member of the Nazi Krupp family, with two members of his staff in the recently opened "Touring Hotel" in Essen-Breda, in Western Germany. A great deal of discussion and criticism has been aroused by the authorities allowing this luxury hotel to be built, in view of the fact that so many thousands of Germans cannot get accommodation in which to live. The hotel has been erected for attracting wealthy foreigners. — Express Photo.

Dr Bunche On Visit To Pakistan

Karachi, Feb. 2. The head of the United Nations Trusteeship Division, Dr. Ralph Bunche, who arrived here today, declared that he hoped the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir could be settled.

Dr. Bunche said that the United Nations could not impose a solution, but could only bring representatives of Pakistan and India together to discuss the problem.

Dr. Bunche, who came to Pakistan at the invitation of the Institute for International Studies, visited the Pakistan Women's Organisation, presided over by the Begum Liqueer Ali, widow of the former Prime Minister.

Tomorrow he will confer with members of the Foreign Ministry and there will be another conference on Wednesday with members of the Foreign Institute.

Dr. Bunche will leave for New Delhi on Thursday. — France-Press.

Major Reshuffle Of Czechoslovak Government
NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

London, Feb. 2.

Prague radio announced tonight a major reshuffle of the Czechoslovak Government in which President Gottwald sacked his Foreign Minister, M. Vilém Široký.

The new Foreign Minister will be M. Václav David, the radio added. M. David is a member of the Praesidium of the Czech Communist party.

Prague radio said the new appointment was part of a "large reorganisation and reshuffle" of the Czech Government which was carried out today.

Another change involved the Minister for Information, M. Václav Kopecký. He was relieved of his functions and his Ministry abolished, the radio said.

Both M. Široký and M. Kopecký were appointed Vice-Premiers, a position which M. Široký had already held.

At the same time a new office—the Praesidium of the Government—was created, consisting of the Prime Minister and all the Vice-Premiers.

The present Prime Minister is Antonín Zapotocký, a Communist who formed the present Government in June 1948.

It was organised in September 1951 when eight new Ministers were formed.

M. Široký has been seldom in the world news during the past year. He accompanied President Gottwald on a visit to East Berlin last March and a few days later spoke on foreign policy in the Czech National Assembly.

NEW VICE-PREMIERS

In other changes, the Minister of Education, M. Zdeněk Nejedlý, was relieved of his duties and appointed a Vice-Premier. His Ministry was split into two departments.

The President also relieved M. Zdeněk Fierlinger of his functions as head of the State Office for Church Affairs. M. Fierlinger remains Vice-Premier.

The President appointed the following new Vice-Premiers: Army General Karel Baždek, Minister for Internal Security; Army General Alexej Čepelák, Minister of Defence; Zdeněk Nejedlý, Minister; and the Deputy Antonín Nevojtík and Jindřich Uher. The previous Vice-Premiers retain their function as Vice-Premiers.

Born in Slovakia in 1902, the son of a railway worker, M. Široký was elected a Communist delegate to the Czechoslovakian Parliament in 1935.

WARTIME FEATS

In 1938, after the Munich four-power decision to split up the Republic's territory among Germany, Poland and Hungary, he escaped to Paris and then to Moscow.

He returned secretly to Slovakia—by then proclaimed an independent State by its German-sponsored government—in 1944 and organised resistance groups.

He was arrested and imprisoned, but escaped and took part in the Slovak uprising. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1945, a member of the Slovak Praesidium and Chairman of the Communist party in Slovakia in 1948.

The radio also announced today that the Ministry for Fuel and Energy had been split into two Ministries.

The Minister for Fuel will be Václav Pokorný, former head of the Joint Ministry. The Minister for Energy will be Bohumil Srámek.

Last year's big purge of political leaders in Czechoslovakia culminated in the execution of the former Foreign Minister, M. Vladimír Clementis, and former Vice-Premier Rudolf Slansky, with nine others, on December 3, 1952.

Slansky, veteran Moscow-trained Communist, was charged with a conspiracy to overthrow the regime. He pleaded guilty to charges of high treason, espionage, sabotage, military treason, Zionism and deviationism. — Reuter.

ESPIONAGE WARNING

London, Feb. 2.

Václav Nosek, Czechoslovakia's Minister of the Interior, told Civil Defence workers at a Prague conference that they were also responsible for defence against "spies, saboteurs and diversionists." Prague Radio reported today.

M. Nosek warned that "American imperialism" though doomed, might decide to plunge the world into a new war "before going down." Civil defence was an essential key to the whole defence system. — Reuter.

SHIP CHECK ORDERED

Pusan, Feb. 2.

President Syngman Rhee ordered suspension of operations of all South Korean ships under 50 tons today pending a check of their condition.

The order was issued following a series of disasters to South Korean vessels which took a heavy toll of life.

The Transportation Ministry began an inspection of the ships to carry out the Presidential decree. It affects 64 per cent of total Korean shipping tonnage and amounts to some 200,000 tons. Associated Press.

EXPELLED



Yuri Novikov, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, who was recently expelled by the United States, photographed at Melsbroeck Airport, Brussels, on the way back to Russia. — Central Press Photo.

BATTLE IN G.A.T.T. EXPECTED

Geneva, Feb. 2.

The 15-nation Inter-Sessional Committee on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) opened here today with expectation of a sharp Anglo-American battle over the timing and conditions of Japan's entry into the Organisation.

Britain is reported to be planning to advocate special trade restrictions on Japan, if she is admitted to GATT. But the United States is understood to favour admitting Japan under the most favourable conditions and as soon as possible.

It was decided today that delegates could make general statements, after which the committee would take the Indian Government's complaint against Pakistan's export tax and duty on raw jute exported to India. — This will give time for private consultations between delegations over Japan's entry. — Reuter.

Yoshida Budget Under Fire

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Japan's Budget for this year may ruin the Government or bankrupt the nation, according to widely published criticism from economic and political commentators.

It provides for reduced defence expenditure, lowered personal taxation, bond issues and expenditure from reserve funds.

Critics say these factors will bring real inflation to an already sensitive economy if the Budget is carried.

It is already predicted that the Government might be forced to resign by the end of the year because of the weight of its political opposition.

In Japan there is no discreet and secret retaining despatch case. The Budget is published a month or two before it is due to come into effect. This year the Budget was approved at a Cabinet meeting on January 20.

The first Budget since Japan became independent makes little provision out of revenue for developmental expenditures but proposes instead 30,000,000 yen (about £30,000,000) issue of five-year bonds to be invested in electrical, ship-building and other industries. As an inducement, buyers of the four per cent bonds are to be granted tax concessions up to 25 per cent of the face of the bonds.

Defence expenditure from revenue is to be reduced although actual defence expenditure may be increased. The budgeted figure for expenditure was 180,151,000,000 yen last year and this year it is 145,000,000,000 yen. The reduction has been secured by eliminating last year's provision of 55,000,000,000 yen for winding down the occupation and by reducing Japan's share of the cost of American security force garrisons by 500,000,000 yen to 50,000,000 yen (it is estimated there will be less cost this year for compensating owners of land and buildings allocated to United States bases).

MORE THAN OFFSET

These reductions more than offset an increase in expenditure budgeted for Japan's own security forces.

These increases from 55,151,000,000 yen to 55,000,000,000 yen.

Increases in actual expenditure occur as Japan's army, air and navy equipment

BEGUM ON MURDER CHARGE

Karachi, Feb. 2.

A princess, once one of the richest women in India, pleaded not guilty to murdering her 13-year-old maid-servant when her trial opened here today.

Munawar Jehan, senior Begum of Junagadh State, near Bombay, was arrested a year ago after exhaustion of a body said to be that of the maid-servant.

Since her arrest, the Begum has been living in a special house in the gaoth compound and has been allowed servants and her own bedding.

A wealthy race-horse owner, she is the wife of the Nawab of Junagadh, Sir Mahabuddin Rasulkhani. They came to Karachi after the Nawab's accession to Pakistan in 1947.

After preliminary hearings before a magistrate, the Begum was committed for trial last May.

A nine-man jury was selected for the trial, which will begin regular proceedings tomorrow.

The Begum is charged with tying up the maid-servant with ropes and a chain, and beating her and having her beaten by Aliah Rakhil, another maid-servant, who has since given evidence against the Begum.

The charge added that the Begum deprived Banu of medical treatment and the maid-servant died on January 23 last year.

Today the Begum sat on an ordinary bench, but the court gave permission for a coach to be provided for her. — Reuter.

New Volcano On The Map

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

A volcano which erupted off the Japanese south coast last September qualifies as a new island, a party of scientists reported today.

Named Miyajima, it is situated at longitude 140.3 east, latitude 31.56.

A 10-strong research group which visited the island reported today that it is about 250 yards wide and has two active volcanic vents.

A Japanese survey vessel caught in the upheaval last September was blown to pieces with the loss of 31 lives. — Reuter.

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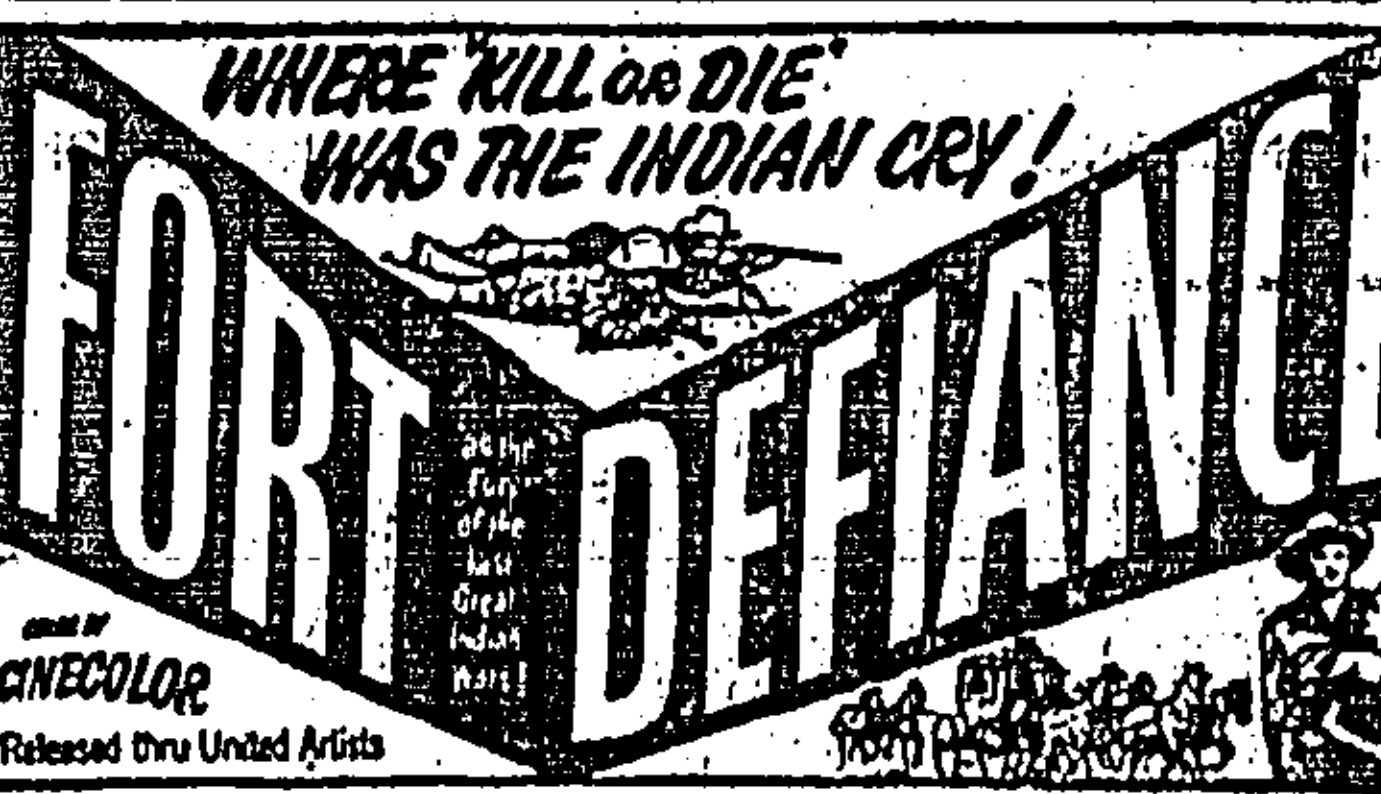


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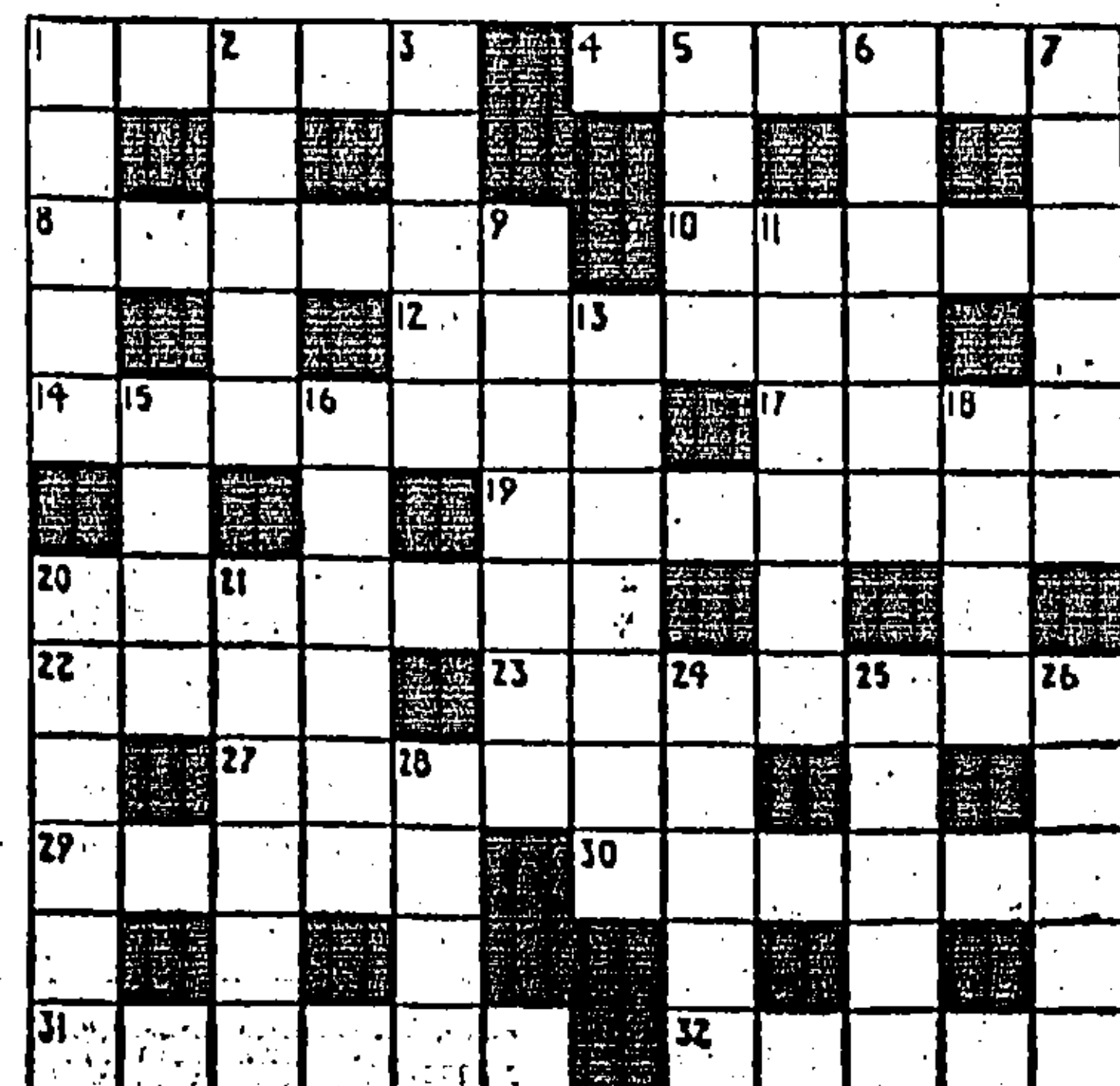
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Lissom.
- 4 Sluggish.
- 8 Artist's material.
- 10 Basket.
- 12 Thoroughfare.
- 14 Honest.
- 17 Yield to pressure.
- 19 Fruit.
- 20 Lie.
- 22 Mosque official.
- 23 Adam.
- 25 Expunge.
- 29 Vegetable.
- 30 Material.
- 31 Fox bear.
- 32 Sottens.

DOWN

- 1 Passes the tongue over.
- 2 Kind of saw.
- 3 Rub out.
- 5 Formerly.
- 6 Written in verse.
- 7 Sweet.
- 9 Odd.
- 11 Territory.
- 13 Iterates.
- 16 Scotch.
- 18 Solemn promises.
- 20 Washed out.
- 21 Service students.
- 24 Province.
- 25 Perfect.
- 26 Cues.
- 28 Optical glass.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Stirling, 5 Pare, 9 Abundant, 11 Redolent, 13 Mews, 15 Juvenile, 18 Emeralds, 19 Rear, 21 Pencil, 23 Broccoli, 25 Mili, 27 Distrust, Down: 1 Spur, 2 Prod, 4 Tube, 6 Rent, 8 Inane, 9 Gothic, 11 Alone, 13 Unle, 12 Educ, 14 Wild, 16 Impel, 17 Arch, 19 Noble, 20 Amaze, 21 Fees, 22 News, 23 Ach, 24 Tilt.

Worrying To Be British!

London, Feb. 2.

The English are worried, frustrated, anxious and unhappy. They develop complex and have duodenal ulcers. But across the Channel in Normandy, where lives Dr. Gabriel Mouchot, such things are unknown.

Dr. Mouchot has recently been on a visit to England, and it was from English doctors that he heard about our unhappy state.

Writing in the Medical World, he says that weight of responsibilities, lack of money, and love troubles have reacted in such a way on the English duodenum that there is hardly a family in the realm who have not a member plagued by a duodenal ulcer.

"In Normandy," he says, "you can be killed and survive; if you are crossed in love, your duodenum will not bleed; if you lose money on the Stock Exchange, a few sleepless nights may follow, but certainly no ulcer."

"You can be a politician in France and keep your duodenum—every, if you lose your reputation."

"Why should anxiety cause duodenal ulcer in Kent and Gloucester, and not in Normandy?"

He suggests that the health of the people might be better if, "instead of spending millions of pounds on idiotic films, tobacco, football pools and what else, more were spent on decent undulterated food."

In France, he says, most people spend quite a lot on food, and in general their food is good. In England food is always at the end of the list. The Government can apparently find enough dollars for films and tobacco, but not for butter or meat.

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AN American city is to be destroyed by atomic weapons.

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Now the Nevada Desert also holds America's gambling capital, Las Vegas, and in some casinos there bets are offered that a hydrogen bomb is to be tried out on the shadow city. The chances are much better that the city will be bombed by atomic artillery, which is the next logical step in the use of atomic weapons.

They will probably shell some deep-in-the-earth bunkers similar to those built by the Red Chinese in Korea (presumably under the supervision of Russian engineers).

No matter how much the boom of cannon shakes the dice tables at Las Vegas, 80 miles away, gambling will not stop. It goes on round the clock.

THE Redskins have met the atom, and they like it. The Navajo Indians, whose ancestors built the pueblos, or prehistoric "skyscrapers," in the sides of cliffs, are joining the Government's Civil Air Patrol, and already many Navajos are pilots.

Notable hunters and trackers, in a war it would be the job of the Navajos to hunt down spies and saboteurs both foot and in the sky. For it is thought that enemy agents would swarm across the border from Mexico into sparsely settled Arizona, where the Navajo reservation lies.

WARNING from the New York Times to Americans—London hotels are practically sold out for the Coronation. But rooms can still be booked in homes within 90 minutes' travelling time of London.**MARRIAGES** were fewer by eight percent in 1952 and last year is not to blame. In the immediate postwar years there is now a comparative shortage of eligibles. Only 1,540,000 got married. The record was 2,300,000 in 1946.

"No, not a Purge—not an S.S. General—not a cosh boy—just Daddy without his keys. Now be good boys and open the door." London Express Service

**WHAT HITLER'S HEIRS
ARE UP TO**by
H. R. TREVOR-ROPER

famed author of "The Last Days of Hitler"

IT has been a fortnight of surprises in Europe, not least in East and West Germany where there have been allegations of plots, spectacular arrests, threatened purges.

What do these sudden, mysterious, unfinished dramas portend? Is there any connection between them?

On the face of it there seems to be none. The East German crisis is allegedly a crisis in food production, not politics; the Nazi conspiracy in West Germany seems a desperate adventure of an idiot fringe.

And yet, since it has required the direct and dramatic intervention of the occupying Power, can we really dismiss it so easily?

Either in propaganda or in youth movements.

Further, two had been with Hitler in his last days, and two had been nominated as Ministers of Propaganda and Culture in his will.

Their alleged leader, Werner Naumann, belongs to all these categories: He left Hitler's bunker as Goebbels' successor, charged to mobilise for Nazism the next generation. When we consider these facts we can hardly fail to recognise in these men the intended executors of Hitler's political testament.

But how could they have hoped to execute it in January, 1953? The ground is not prepared. Hitler is at present at a discount in Germany; the public disown

him, the Federal Government is firm, and the neo-Nazis are Nazis with a difference—they might accept a new Nazism, but would hardly follow men so closely connected with the old.

It is possible that these men are crack-pots staging a demonstration for January 30—the 20th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power.

Crucial date

But it is much more likely that they had learned the lesson of that crucial date and (as Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick has declared) were planning not to challenge but to penetrate the existing parties and

then to capture the Bonn Government from within.

That such penetration is quite feasible is shown by the recent case of a high Nazi who officially died and then, under another name, gave evidence of his own death, married his own "widow," and sat as a democrat in the Bonn Parliament.

That such capture of power is possible is shown by the case of the highest Nazi of all, Hitler himself, who 20 years ago taught the world how to carry through a revolution after power.

It would not be surprising if Hitler's German heirs were to imitate this policy. Already his Russian heirs have carried it out in Czechoslovakia, in Hungary, in Bulgaria, and now in East Germany. It has proved very successful—provided it is backed by power.

But whence could such power come? It is here, I suspect, that we must speculate upon certain

remarks dropped by the British High Commissioner, remarks linking the conspirators with "dark horses in the East."

What are these dark horses? The Russian Government? It is not inconceivable: Nazism and Communism are so akin that many have found them easily interchangeable.

But there is also another possibility which should never be overlooked. We speak glibly of East and West Germans as if they were opposite nations; but they are not. Their differences are artificial: at heart they are one, and if any German party could unite them its prestige within Germany might make former loyalties obsolete.

East Germans would shed their Communism, West Germans their Liberalism.

Who then would control the new power? Russia? That would be formidable to the West. The West? That is what the Russians apprehend.

But could any party so reunite Germany? There is a possibility. Suppose a new Nazi party—the heir of that party which previously reunited the Reich—should, by the tactics of penetration, acquire power both in the West, under Liberal colours, and in the East, under Communist colours, and then simply declare an Anschluss.

Planning war?

A new State would then suddenly have been formed, armed in advance by both East and West. Such an achievement is not at all impossible—or, at least, no more impossible than Hitler's ambition seemed in 1933.

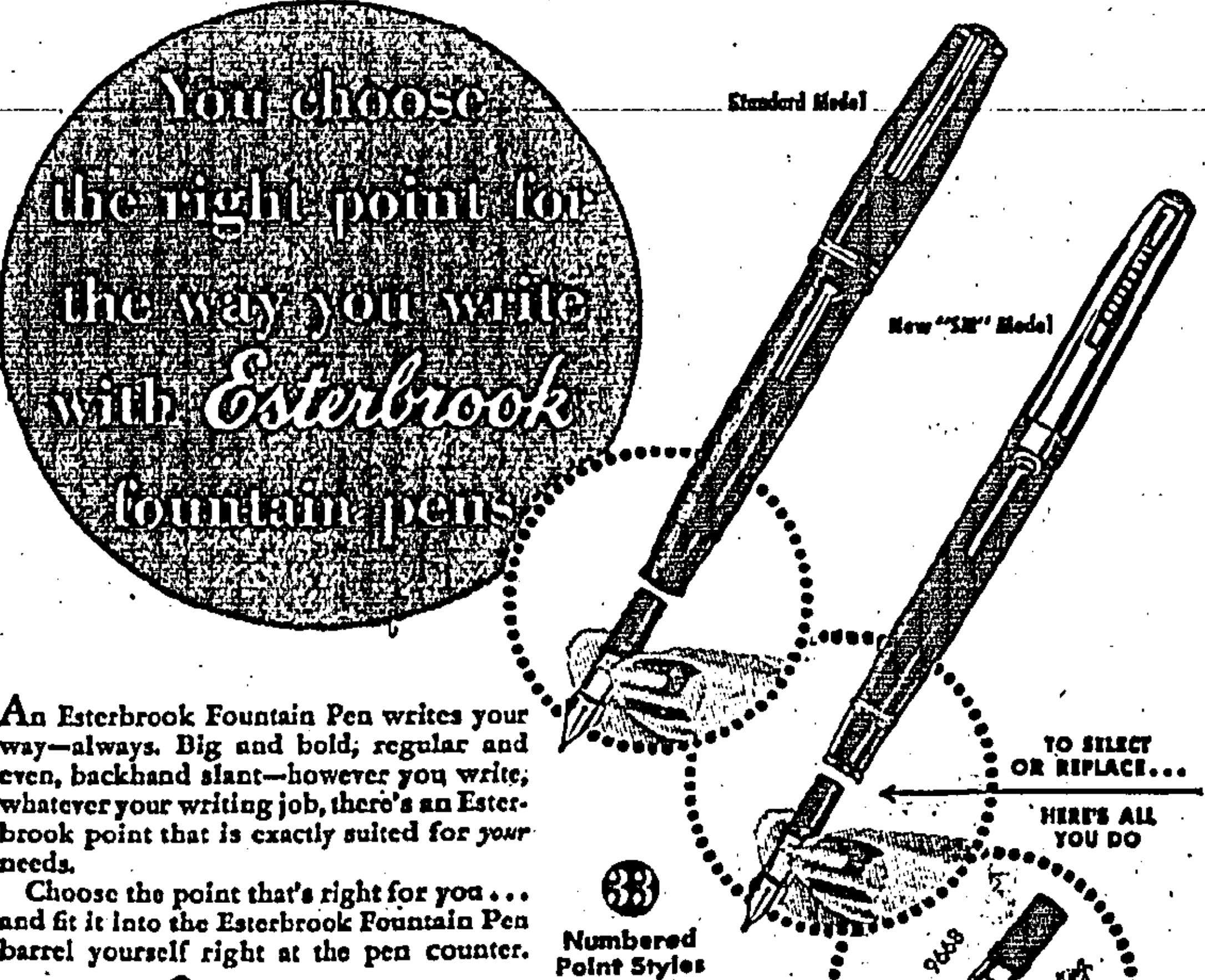
Its dangers are obvious. Even were it crushed by armed intervention, that armed intervention might be the beginning of a new war.

I do not suggest that Naumann and Co. were planning this as yet there is insufficient evidence for this or any other suggestion. But it is the sort of thing Hitler's heirs may have envisaged.

If so, it could also explain why, in the Eastern zone too, the occupying Power is apprehensive—why its German population is being more strictly regimented, its German Government further purged, and the non-Communist members of it—gradually eliminated.

I believe the crisis and conspiracies in East and West Germany may, in fact, be much more closely connected than either the Communists or the British High Commissioner have so far disclosed.

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DON'T BLAME THE MOON

It just happens there may be a phase of the moon for each moment of madness

CHAPMAN PINCHER winds up the INQUIRY

THIS inquiry proves beyond doubt that many people who are otherwise normal become peculiar almost to the point of madness at the time of the full moon.

It also proves to my satisfaction that, in spite of this, apparent link between moon and mind, the moon rarely has anything to do with these swings of temperament.

The evidence submitted adds up to a simple explanation of the centuries-old belief in such a link.

Explanation:

Many people are subject to a rhythmic cycle of depression and elation. In most of these people the difference between the peak of elation and the trough of depression is so slight as to be hardly noticeable. But the rhythm affects the behaviour of others so strongly that their personalities undergo striking temporary changes.

In extreme cases their uncontrollable excitement or depressive may push their behaviour beyond the limit of what society will accept as normal. They

may get violent and come into conflict with the law.

This rhythm is well known to doctors. They call it cyclothymia and the people who show it markedly, cyclothymes. Most "moon mad" people in my view are simply cyclothymes whose period of excitement or depression frequently coincides with some phase of the moon.

Evidence:

Three angles of evidence support that explanation:

1. While many people are said to be affected by the full moon others become equally peculiar at the time of the new moon, half moon, or third quarter.

2. This is a teacher's writer: "At a rural school in Cambridge I have come across two children who are affected by the moon."

"CASE ONE: A cheerful, pleasant boy who during the full moon phase does stupid things, rushing about at full speed and talking loudly."

"CASE TWO: A silent, type who during the new moon phase goes berserk in a mild way."

2. The writers reveal that though the writers may be conscious of a firm connection between odd behaviour and one phase of the moon, the "mad"

ness" does not always recur regularly every 28 days.

A Manchester woman reports: "My husband is perfect for perhaps six weeks or a couple of months at a time. Then he sulks for a few days and never speaks, and when he asked him why he gets out, the poker and breaks all the locks in the house."

Such discrepancy is fully in accord with the medical case-records of cyclothymes. In some the depression-elation cycle is frequent, in others rare.

3. Scientists point out that any gravitational pull exerted by the moon on the fluids and tissues of the human nervous system cannot be influenced by the different phases.

The pull varies only with the distance of the moon from the earth—not with its luminosity.

Obsession

WHAT about those people who were so conscious of a connection between them and the moon that they often take the precaution of warning others when their dangerous time is approaching?

A Glasgow woman writes of her son: "He was quite normal until a full moon appeared. Then

he had the urge to kill. When he felt the turn coming he warned us to go out, or he went out and wandered about all through the night until he was exhausted."

"He knew the moon affected him, and tried hard to fight it off. He was a kind-hearted boy and met his death through an accident."

A careful reading of the letters again supplies a satisfactory explanation for such cases.

These people are suffering from an obsession. In some instances mild; in others severe. They either feel that they are "hypnotised" by the moon or persecuted by it. Almost invariably it is the light of the moon which fascinates them.

Persecution

THIS type of obsession is common. Any report which I write involving cosmic rays, radar, or atomic rays brings in its quota of letters from people who are convinced they are being persecuted by them.

The majority of such cases travelling through space, seems to fascinate them.

In the same way the moon's rays are blamed by some people. No scientist has yet analysed recordings of brain-waves—the minute electric charges generated by the brain's surface—to find out whether any of them shows changes corresponding to different phases of the moon. This should be done. But meanwhile, from the evidence in this large-scale inquiry, I feel confident that all apparent links between "moon madness" and the moon can be explained either by obsession, or coincidence.

—(London Express Service)



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Skillful Playing Won Bridge Hand

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By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN East doubled three no-trump in today's hand he had an idea that might or might not work out well for him. Since East happened to be my friend and team-mate Larry Hirsch, he also had the playing skill to back up his unorthodox double.

Larry felt quite sure that his partner would open a club if left to his own devices. Nobody had bid clubs, and there were no clubs in the East hand, so it was a pinch that West would turn up with five or six cards in the suit. A club opening lead, Larry felt, would give South the game on a silver platter—which happened to be a very accurate guess.

The double of three no-trump called for an opening lead in spades—the first suit bid by the dummy. The spade lead might not set the contract, Hirsch knew, but it would surely be better than a club lead.

What about the risk of a redouble? Possible, but very unlikely. South's rebid of one no-trump had shown a near-minimum opening bid. North had been able to raise to two no-trump but had not been able to jump to game. Hence neither North nor South could have enough reserve strength for a redouble.

West obediently opened the ace of spades, and Hirsch thought very carefully about his play to the first trick. Then he produced the prize-winning play—the jack of spades!

This could not ask for a spade continuation since it obviously weakened East's spade holding. It therefore requested a shift to a high side suit. When a signal clearly demands a shift, a high card asks for a shift to a high suit, and a low card asks for a shift to a low suit.

In this case the signal clearly asked for a shift to the higher of the two side suits. West therefore shifted to a low heart. This shift easily defeated the contract. South's ace of hearts was knocked out before he could start the diamonds, and East therefore gained the lead in time to run the heart suit.

CARD SERVICES

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Heart Pass 2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-4, Hearts A-Q-9-8-2, Diamonds A-J-7-3, Clubs K-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have a count of 17 points in high cards alone, and should count something extra for the length in hearts. There will probably be a play for game if North has a sound raise, and you are willing to suggest game at no-trump as well as game at hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-4-3, Hearts A-Q-9-8-2, Diamonds A-Q-7, Clubs A-Q. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE LIARS

By T. O. HARE

I regret to report that five schoolgirls, who recently completed a scholarship, decided that it would be "rather amusing" to send home mendacious—or partly mendacious—reports of the results. I took second place. Joan was a little in front of Mollie. Mollie was well ahead of Pat. Joan was only a few points behind Mollie. Pat was third. Edwin came in fourth. Mollie was fifth. Edwin took third place. Pat took second place. Mollie took first place. No two candidates tied for a place. Each girl made one true statement and one false one.

What order were the five candidates placed?
(Solution on Page 10).



"That feels just right."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ON meeting a lady, the hat should be raised at least, two inches from the head, not just touched with the hand," says a hint on etiquette. I know a man whose hat was so tight that when he had taken it off he had to keep it off. One day he met a lady with prominent ears. They stuck out at right angles to her head. Thinking more of his own comfort than of her feelings, he hung his hat on her left ear while he talked to her. "Pray hang our umbrella on the other peg," she said sarcastically, turning her right ear towards him. He flushed, and murmured: "I really don't know you well enough to do that."

It is possible that the coelacanth, when it has been thoroughly examined, will turn out not to be a new species. From the photographs and descriptions, one or two interesting points emerge. The shape of the ganoid scales suggests that this fish belongs to the heteromastina rather than to the albiomastina. Again, the coelacanth has a kyomandibular parabasisoid, of which there is no trace in this specimen. The prolonged branchiostegial gills and the chondroid arteries are found only in the osteichthyan, the prehistoric mud-eating stelefish, which is an internal nose bone. It is a palaeochoetodont, then we are within a yard of finding the middle of the stegoccephalus fossil of Mount Bobu.

Father writes to his boy

THE following letter, written last term by the father of a Nark-over boy to his son, has caused some amusement among the masters:—
"I am sending you a pair of slippers, as you complain that during card games, your partners pass signals to you in a rather painful way. Your mother and I cannot understand your slippers. Don't you use the pack Uncle Bill gave you? You really should use it when playing with older and more experienced boys, whenever possible. Failing that, you should study the notes and try to find out what the signals mean. You could write me a list of the signals you have seen, and I will try to help you. I must have used them at the Smoke House Club with great effect. As for your boat, the sun was shining brightly but it was no longer warm as it had been all summer. Water was not far away. As they walked (and Mrs Quack, being a sensible goose, waddled of course) in the twilight, Knarf noticed that Mrs Quack kept looking up into the sky. He finally asked her why she was doing that.
"I'm expecting someone," she said.
"Expecting someone from the sky?" Knarf exclaimed in surprise.
"That's true," she said a little sadly. "I don't use my wings much. But neither do the chickens, either. We've got out of the practice of flying. But the person I'm expecting flies as well as any bird in the world. In fact, he flies a good deal faster than most birds."
Knarf pointed out that Mrs Quack herself couldn't fly.
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Knarf asked who it was that Mrs Quack was expecting.
"My cousin," she said.
"Oh, is he a goose, too?" Mrs Quack nodded. "But not a goose like I am. He's a wild goose."
"A wild goose?"
"Lives in the Open."
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Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—42

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BORN today, you have a rather complex nature and one which is not easy to understand. Sometimes you are even a little perplexed yourself. You are highly artistic and cannot endure the slightest lack of harmony in your life or surroundings. Fortunately, you are a born organizer so that you are able to make things work out pretty much as you want them. You are basically an idealist, yet you have a practical streak which makes it possible for you to make any project which you undertake a business success.

You have high artistic faculties and you are not inclined to be satisfied with your lot no matter how perfect it may seem to others. It has to reach near perfection in your own eyes. This sometimes makes for a certain intellectual and spiritual restlessness which can send you into moods which will never be fatigued until you have found a satisfactory answer to the problem you are trying to solve.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Do some treasure-hunting in your attic. Something you may have thought worthless, could prove invaluable.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Now is the time to take care of detail work conscientiously. Don't neglect the smallest matter.
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Contact a friend you may not have seen for a long time! You can get tremendous pleasure from the meeting.
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If emotionally worried over your future, seek the confidence and advice of someone close to you.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You could try your role as matchmaker today! You might bring great happiness to someone dear to you.
CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you need relaxation, some good music should do the trick. Get out to a concert.
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Reciprocation in the matter of asking and receiving favours is of the utmost importance.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't set too fast a pace just now. Slow up, once in a while, to relax your nerves and rebuild your energy.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you are not careful you can be snubbed for something very special that you want to buy. Later on, you may find that you do some serious reading on a subject you are studying. It will be helpful.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Be constructive in all your ideas. Get them into production and they will bring you excellent returns.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—You may find that if you do some serious reading on a subject you are studying. It will be helpful.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Don't plan too active a social evening. Invite friends to your home rather than going out.

DUMB-BELLS

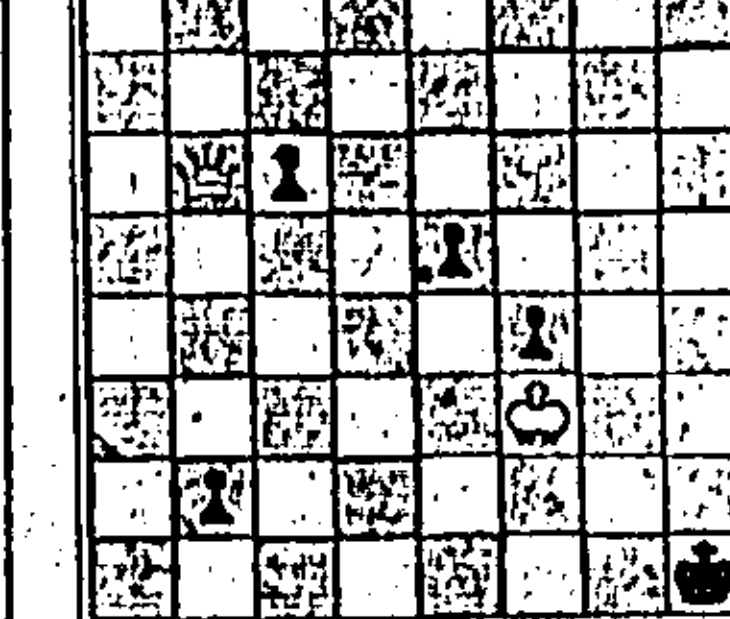
WHAT DOES C-L-O-T-H SPELL? COME! COME! WHAT IS YOUR COAT MADE OF?



CHESS PROBLEM

By E. ZEPLER

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 2 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Q-R1, any; 2, Q, K (dis ch); or P (dis ch) mates.

WOMANSENSE

GOING to a PARTY?

RIX sketches an evening gown from Peter Robinson, which easily becomes a dinner gown when worn with a little coat.

This gown has the new halter neckline which leaves the shoulders bare but gives a more covered look than the strapless bodice. It is in heavy pique with a close fitting midriff embellished with matching embroidery.

The skirt is full and billowing. The gown is made in black, sage, stafford blue and smoke grey. It can also be made to measure if it is not in stock in your size.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mrs. Quack's Wild Cousin

—He's Going to Pay Her a Visit on His Way South—

By MAX TRELL

MRS QUACK, who was a goose (and a very sensible one, too) was feeling quite talkative as she walked with Knarf, the shadow-boy, toward the pond. The sun was shining brightly but it was no longer warm as it had been all summer. Water was not far away.

As they walked (and Mrs Quack, being a sensible goose, waddled of course) in the twilight, Knarf noticed that Mrs Quack kept looking up into the sky. He finally asked her why she was doing that.

"I'm expecting someone," she said.

"Expecting someone from the sky?" Knarf exclaimed in surprise.

They Have Wings

Mrs Quack didn't see anything at all surprising in expecting someone to come from the sky. "Most of the people I know come that way. They have wings, just like I have. Why shouldn't they come flying down from the sky? You mustn't forget, my dear, that a goose is a bird and the people I know are geese."

Knarf pointed out that Mrs Quack herself couldn't fly.

"That's true," she said a little sadly. "I don't use my wings much. But neither do the chickens, either. We've got out of the practice of flying. But the person I'm expecting flies as well as any bird in the world. In fact, he flies a good deal faster than most birds."

Knarf asked who it was that Mrs Quack was expecting.

"My cousin," she said.

"Oh, is he a goose, too?" Mrs Quack nodded. "But not a goose like I am. He's a wild goose."

"A wild goose?"

"Lives in the Open."

"Well, my cousin is wild, but not like a lion or a tiger is wild. He doesn't hurt anybody. He's called wild because he isn't tame. He doesn't live on a farm like I do. He doesn't get his food from a farmer like I do. He lives out in the open, far away from farms. Instead of being fed, he hunts for his own food. Instead of paddling in a pond, he paddles in the ocean."

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Rupert sits down to hear the solution of the mystery. "First, you must know this," begins the guard. "Our king has so send his messenger on important errands all over the world. They have to fly so far that they get tired and cannot go on. If we hear of an exhausted messenger we send a powerful carrier bird to him with some of these berries. The messenger eats one and in a few minutes he floats up from the ground and the carrier can see him home." "That's wonderful," says Rupert. "Please tell me what the solution is."

Helping The Little Stutterer

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

BARRING cases where there is an organic impairment of the central nervous system, it seems possible for any stutterer to recover. The older the stutterer is, the less readily he will recover. Some children from two to five just "grow out of it." Nearly all such stutterers recover when they are understood and treated wisely by their parents.

How Teachers Can Help

To teachers who don't have the help of a speech expert, let me suggest a plan. Some time when the stuttering child is absent take the other children in the class into your confidence. Help them to imagine how they would feel in his place, so that they will not laugh at him or give any indication that they notice his stuttering. Ask them to endeavor to help the stutterer in every possible way in the classroom and on the playground so that he will feel comfortable.

Work out a private understanding, whereby the stutterer will give you a secret signal when he desires to speak in class. Guard your own demeanour, movements and breathing, so as to give him the impression of "all is well." Don't, of course, ask him to repeat or to wait or go slowly. Create an atmosphere in which he naturally will "take it easy." Try to persuade his parents to work in like manner. I have heard from a number of teachers who have won great success in these directions.

"He stutters. He pounds his hand against his right side in order that he can speak. He seems to be all bottled up."

Serene Atmosphere

In part, here is how I answered her: "Anything you parents can do to provide a more serene and happy family atmosphere and make him feel secure and relaxed will help. A certain boy, ten, was reported by his mother as a violent stutterer. She wrote me during

Billy Wright "Barracked" By Wolverhampton Crowd

By ARCHIE QUICK

For the first time in my life I have heard England's captain Billy Wright "barracked," only mildly, it is true, but by his own Wolverhampton crowd!

This is how it arose. Wee Johnny Hancocks, from nearby Oakengates, is just as high an idol with the Wanderers' supporters as Wright, but he has been out of favour with the club selectors for some time now.

The International right winger, with the smallest feet in football and almost the hardest shot, came back to score twice against Arsenal at Highbury Stadium. When he turned out at Molineux against Derby County he had the crowd with him from the start, and when Wright, from left-half, swung a long reverse pass out to him the spectators cheered frenziedly. Why? Well, in front of Wright is his biggest pal, Jimmy Mullen, and the Wolverhampton suggestion is that Wright has over-looked Mullen and neglected Hancocks. So much so that Johnny is on the verge of a transfer, and Wolverhampton fans do not want to lose him.

He responded to their encouragement by scoring the only first-half shot with one of his bullet-like drives, but he provided the pass which gave Mullen No. 2, and it was from his

corner kick that Wilshaw scrambled in a third, giving Cheltenham a 1-1 p.p. chasing Wanderers their first win in five games. Almost as bad as Cardiff City's six games without a goal!

Wolverhampton have five directors and a manager, but only Chairman Baker watched Derby get beaten. The others were out searching for new players, and Manager Stan Cullis had another look at England left-back, Bill Eckersley of Blackburn Rovers, in the drawn game at Doncaster. Wanderers did not look a Championship prospect, for they made heavy weather of it against a Derby side well below the standard of the days of Billy Steel, Peter Doherty and "Rat" Barker. They have an excessive injury list, but it was a commentary on their play that their best men were "veteran" Jackie Stamps and reserve goalkeeper

Townsend, who, as still in the Army, Justice of the Peace Ray Middleton will not get his place back in face of this form by Townsend.

Coming back in the train from the Midlands were the Chelsea team who had snatched a point at Villa Park, but despite the optimism of captain Roy Bentley and John Harris I feel they have a hard furrow to plough if they are to escape Division Two next May.

They have come so close to it so often but this time they have hit rock bottom, and I do not believe their present players can pull them out of danger.

The extra training Manager Ted Drake is rightly enforcing upon them. He is a sadly disappointed man, for the "Pensioners" started the season so brightly after his arrival from Reading.

COINCIDENCE STORY

If coincidence means anything the Football Association Cup is as good as in a new home at Tottenham. Or rather, it will be next April. The Spurs have won the trophy only twice in their long history, in 1901 and again in 1921, and in each of those seasons they beat Preston North End on the way to the Final.

To add to the parallel, in 1921 Tottenham were first drawn against the Midland side, Worksop, in Nottinghamshire. They drew 0-0, and then won the replay at White Hart Lane on the Monday by nine goals to nil.

This season they were paired away from home with struggling Tranmere Rovers, scraped a draw at Blakenhead, and then 48 hours later swamped the Rovers by nine to one this time.

If these comparisons do not take them to Wembley nothing will, except perhaps a little matter of a visit to Preston. Yes, again, the coincidences have been carried further, for Spurs were up against North End in the Fourth Round, the same as they were 32 and 52 years ago! Two of the team which lifted the prize bauble in 1921 were at White Hart Lane to see the massacre of Tranmere. They were Jimmy Seed and Jimmy Dimmock, who were inside-right and outside-left respectively.

Seed, now manager of Charlton Athletic, told me that the team of his day would have given the present side a three-goals beating at least. This although he was full of praise for the left wing wizardry of Leslie Medley and Eddie Baily. These two were in England form, and I felt sorry for Tranmere's right defence.

In 1921, despite the cricket score they put up, Spurs took a fancy to Worksop goalkeeper Nicholas, and he came to London afterwards to give them many years of good service. His brother, by the way, won the VC in World War II, and is now in Rhodesia. I believe, the Tranmere goalkeeper, Lloyd, also did well, and the coincidence story would be complete if Manager Arthur Rowe decided to sign him.

UNIVERSITY RECORD BROKEN

Ng Chuan-wal set a new record of 42 feet 6 3/4 inches in winning the University Hop, Step & Jump Championship at Fooksham yesterday. The old University record of 41 feet 2 3/4 inches had been set up by Lee Zau-tong in 1937. D. S. Fraser won the University One Mile Championship in 5 minutes 32 seconds with Chan Leung-guan second and Norbert Chen third.

NOTICE

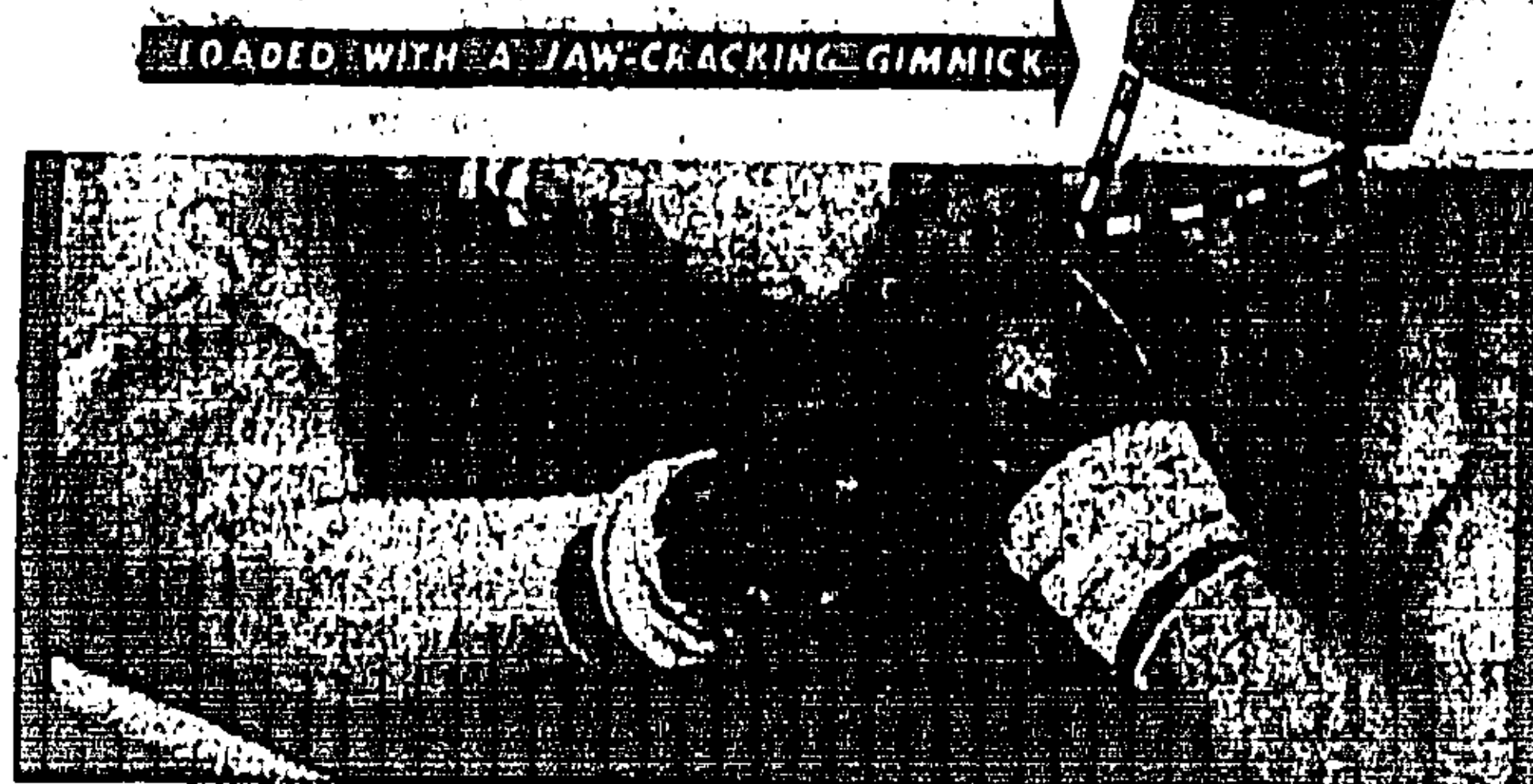
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 10th Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday, 21st February, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 5th February, 1953.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

WHEN A LEFT HOOK PACKS A PUNCH LIKE THIS



Then... Says PETER WILSON... We Must

SWEEP THE ARENA

The first hard-hitting report of an Express investigation which probes hidden evils in six major sports

London. There are fights in Britain that are rigged. No one who has followed professional boxing in this country could possibly put his hand on his heart and swear to the contrary unless he wished to qualify as the biggest Pharisee of the twentieth century.

Consider the circumstances. Big boxing, more than any other sport, is big business, and when has big business ever had a lily-white reputation?

Furthermore, it is so very much easier to fix a fight than it is, say, a football match. Make an "arrangement" with the two fighters, their two managers and a total of four men is all you need to carry out the swindle. Even that number can be reduced.

In the fight which above all others I am convinced was crooked, I am very nearly certain that one boxer, the winner did not know that the whole thing was rigged.

TEN 'COOKED'

Having admitted all this—and in sanity I could not deny it—let me now say that only a tiny proportion of the "big" fights are fixed. To give statistics is virtually impossible, but let us say I have seen 200 top-line bouts, i.e., those that would fill the biggest arenas in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Nottingham, Leicester, Liverpool, Newcastle, and various other big boxing centres—in the last six-and-three-quarter years.

Of this 200 I have been as convinced as it is possible for a newspaperman to be—and remember, he is the very last person to let in on this sort of deal—that ten "big" bouts have been cooked.

I may have had suspicions about a few others, but you have to guard yourself rigorously against the so-called "wide boys" who are always wise after the event when they have "done their dough."

Sometimes bouts are fixed to help in the build-up of a promising youngster.

A little "white money" (five-pound notes) works wonders with a young opponent's scruples. Again, however, I stress that these cases are comparatively rare, because the youths for whom it is worth doing such "finagling" are even rarer.

It is, of course, possible to "square" the referee. Possible, but extremely unlikely.

SOUVENIRS

So much for the more-or-less "harmless" deceptions—harmless that is to say, physically to the boxers. Is there any chance of near-lethal damage being accomplished by the use of weapons other than gloves inside the ring?

On the face of it, it sounds absurd. The BBC has inspectors who are empowered to examine the bandages which professional fighters use to protect their hands.

(The reason for this is that in the bad old days fighters used to sprinkle their bandages with plaster of Paris some time before they were due to go into the ring, so the bandages with

water, and then allow the mixture to harden until a man was virtually hitting with a concrete fist.)

The gloves for a big bout are brought into the ring in a sealed box, and a representative from each corner watches over the opposition to see that no such "lucky souvenirs" as horse-shoes, steel bolts, or any other objects that the kitchen stove are introduced into the insides of the glove.

Yet, with the referee in the ring, in front of thousands of "right-crazy" fans, I do believe that a "gimmick" was introduced into a fighter's glove in a most important bout which took place in Britain since the war.

First of all, what is a "gimmick"? It is a piece of lead or steel shaped sometimes like a miniature dumb-bell and perhaps three or four inches long. And, most important of all, it is covered with leather so that it exactly matches the leather covering of the boxer's glove.

HOW IT'S DONE

But still, you may ask, how is it palmed? This is the drill. At the start of every big fight the referee calls the two boxers to the centre of the ring to give them their final instructions.

They go there with their dressing-gowns slung over their shoulders, and accompanied by their managers or chief seconds. The referee, having issued his orders, gives the command: "Go to your corners and come out boxing."

Each man, still accompanied by his handler, goes back to his corner. The manager removes the dressing-gown and what remains of the coach kid comes out with the "gimmick" held in his partially clenched fist, so that the end protrudes.

As soon as the "concealed weapon artist" gets a fair shot at his opponent's head the contest is virtually over—even a heavy-weight's head not being as hard as lead or steel, despite what some critics may say. If the unfortunate victim should manage to survive the first round, he will still be in such appalling shape that he will have no hope of recovering and the aggressor, on going back to his corner for the first inter-

"Clutch - Proof"

By HENRY LONGHURST

It is often held that if Uncle Joe and his supporting cast had played golf—cricketers naturally say cricket—the present discontents of the world would have been much eased. On the other hand, we may take satisfaction from the thought that the new President of the United States is an enthusiastic and by no means incompetent performer on the links.

Indeed, General Eisenhower's first reaction after all the paper hats, banners, whistle stops, and television, was to seek sanctuary in a small cottage normally occupied by Bobby Jones on the Augusta National Golf Course, Georgia.

Meanwhile Jones himself, who had been campaigning with a group known as the Georgia Democrats for Eisenhower so vigorously as to bring on one of the all-too-fashonable attacks of coronary thrombosis, from which he is now happily recovering, despatched a telegram to the victor to the effect that he had "sure put that little white pellet right in the bottom of the cup."

ROUND, IN 53

Scarcely expecting to be in his best form, the President-to-be opened with rounds of 53 and 61, his previous best at Augusta being 61. His high scores were charitably attributed by Ed Dudley, professional of the club, mostly to his game left knee, which he hurt when playing football at West Point.

Dudley gives his distinguished pupil a good reference as a golfer. "The game about his game determinedly. He addresses the ball carefully and then whams away with all he's got. You can tell pretty well what sort of job a fellow will do in his work, whatever it is, from the way he goes about his golf."

The President is particularly hot, it appears, with his Number 8 iron to the green, and with his wedge shots out of traps—a stroke with which he is likely to have much practice in the next few years—all of which, says Dudley, "requires steady character."

He is also, he adds, to our general relief, "A guy who doesn't get rattled in the clutches." On his recent visit the President was gratified to have his first view of a 3 1/2 acre lake adjoining the 10th fairway whose creation he had previously inspired. Now known as Ike's Pond, it is 30 feet deep and stocked with bream and bass.

It is a pity that our own athletes have left no such monuments on the links. "Ballou's Bunker" at North Highbury, perhaps, and Lyle George's Folly at Walton Heath. On the other hand, it has been alleged that Mr. Churchill, an unconvicted dabbler at the game in his earlier days, was responsible for devising that congenial form of golf known as the green-some.

Should the President find time to brush up his game with a quick afternoon round from the White House, he will find an able lieutenant in the person of the newly-elected representative of the Second District of the State of Washington. This is none other than the Amateur Champion of the United States, Jack Westland, whom many will remember from his visit in 1929 in alliance with that good companion, Johnny Dawson.

MEMORIES OF FRANCE

The latter reached the semi-final of the Championship at Sandwich, while Westland went on to win the French Championship at St Germain—an occasion which I remember with affection not only at the precursor of many similar expeditions but also because my caddy in that

Often I am asked why American fighters on the whole are so far superior to the rest of the world. One reason is the quality of some of their top managers. I am not denying that there are some thugs and gangsters behind some top-ranking American fighters, but although they may exploit their "meal-tickets" they also nurse them.

I was reminded forcibly of this a few weeks ago when I said goodbye to Jack Hurley, splendid manager of the ill-fated Harry "Kid" Matthews. I asked him why he, a native of Chicago, had chosen to live in Seattle. "Why," he said, "because 'the Athlete' lives there and it's up to me to superintend him all the time. I'd like to fly back but 'the Athlete' hates the air, so we're going by boat. And even when we get to New York, 'the Athlete,' he won't even take a plane across America, so we're going by train. Sure I cut him down the middle, a straight 50 per cent, but I surely look after him!"

British managers please copy. (London Express Service)

Manila, Feb. 1: Five foreign entrants are in the Philippines National Open Tennis Championship this month, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced. They are Fausto Gardini of Italy, Tony and Joy Mottram of Britain, Armando Vieira of Formosa, and Mrs. Liu Shan-shu of Formosa.

Gardini arrived by air yesterday from Australia—the first of the foreigners here. The others are expected within the next week. Associated Press.

THE DRAW

Results of the draw were as follows:

Hull v. Preston N.E. or Tottenham; Northampton v. Aston Villa or Brentford; Chelsea or West. v. Birmingham or Plymouth; Arsenal v. Gateshead; Everton v. Manchester; United or Walthamstow Avenue; Manchester City or Luton v. Bolton or Notts County; Burnley v. Blackpool; v. Southampton.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EIGHTH RACE MEETING, 1952/53

Saturday, 7th February, 1953.

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The programme will consist of nine races. The First Bell of the Extra Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the race run at 2 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep for this race.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$10.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through-Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies as declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made, unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBER'S BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiflms will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27810).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE GAMBOLS



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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO		
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 4th Feb.
"ANING"	Singapore & Penang	10 a.m. 5th Feb.
"FOYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 9th Feb.
"YCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 9th Feb.
"FOOCHOW"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 10th Feb.
"SZECHUEN"	Dangkok	10 a.m. 10th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 10th Feb.
"FENGTIEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 13th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 14th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 14th Feb.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 15th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM		
"POYANG"	Yokohama	4th Feb.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama	4th Feb.
"FOOCHOW"	Kobe	8th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	9th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 10th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok	12th Feb.
"FENGTING"	Sandakan	13th Feb.

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SAILINGS TO		
"ANSHUN"	Sydney & Melbourne	9th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Melbourne	19th Feb.
"TAIPING"	Japan	3rd Mar.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"ANSHUN"	Australia & Japan	7th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	17th Feb.
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	27th Feb.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	23rd Feb.
"ATREUS"	Rotterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.
"TELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.
"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Mar.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
S. "ATREUS" Sailed	Hong Kong 4th Feb.
G. "PELEUS" do	15th Feb.
S. "MENTOR" do	22nd Feb.
G. "ALCINOUS" do	4th Mar.
S. "ANTIOCHUS" do	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLOS" 9th Feb.	13th Feb.
S. "AUTOLYCUS" 18th Feb.	25th Mar.
G. "LAOMEDON" 24th Feb.	31st Mar.

G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool. Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load & discharge cargo.



DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

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"BENATTOW"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, London, Rotterdam and Middlesbrough. 20th Feb.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, London, Antwerp and Hamburg. 7th Mar.
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Rome, Feb. 2.

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single incident was reported

from any point during

the 12-hour strike.

The strike, which had

been called by both Com-

munist-dominated and

non-Communist labour

unions, involved some 80,-

000 transport workers.

They walked out over a

wages issue.

Transportation was nor-

mal today in all Italy.—

United Press.

New Envoy From PI

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

Mr Jose F. Imperial arrived

here by air tonight to succeed the

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Judge's Offer To
Reds: "Go To
Russia Or Gaol"

New York, Feb. 2.

Thirteen convicted Communist leaders were today offered the choice of going to Russia or to gaol, and defence lawyers promptly rejected the "go to Russia" alternative.

Federal Judge Edward J. Dimock put forward his unusual "probation plan" as the Communist leaders were called into court for sentencing.

It would permit any of the defendants who chose to go to Russia, instead of to an American prison, as a penalty for conspiracy.

The Communists were convicted on January 21 of conspiracy to teach and advocate violent overthrow of the U. S. Government.

It took the trial jury almost six days of deliberations before it reached its verdict.

Conviction of the 13, who were immediately sent to gaol without bail, brought to 44 the total number of Reds found guilty of conspiracy under the 1940 Smith Act. Previous trials had been held here and in Baltimore and Los Angeles.

Another 41 Communists are under indictment, and two more have won court-directed acquittals.

STILL AT LARGE

Maximum penalty for conviction under the Smith Act is five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines for each defendant.

Eleven Communists convicted here previously were top Party leaders.

Ten of these 11 received the maximum sentence but the 11th got off with three years because of his World War II record.

Three of the 11 top leaders are still fugitives, as are four of the Reds under indictment.

Government attorneys alleged that the 13 current defendants stepped into the shoes of the 11 top leaders after the latter's convictions.

Defence attorneys claimed the Communists sought to achieve their political aims only by legal and peaceful means.—

Reuter and Associated Press.

Mission To Egypt

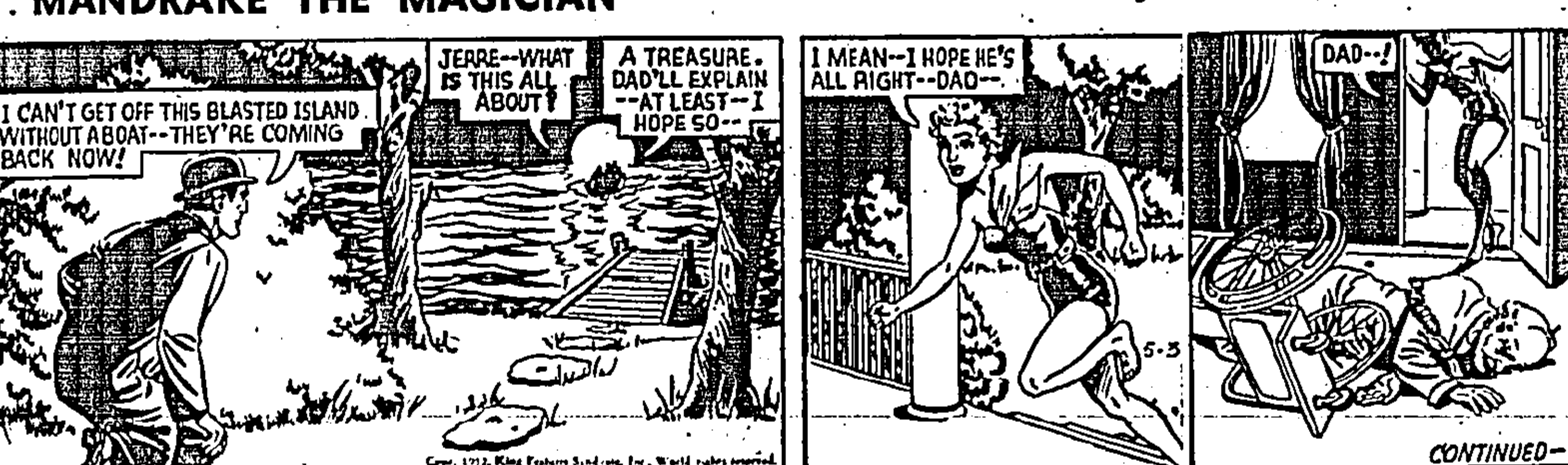
Cairo, Feb. 2.

An Italian official mission led by the Defence Minister, Rinaldo Ossola, arrived in Cairo by plane from Rome. The mission was received by leading Italian and Egyptian officials.—

France-Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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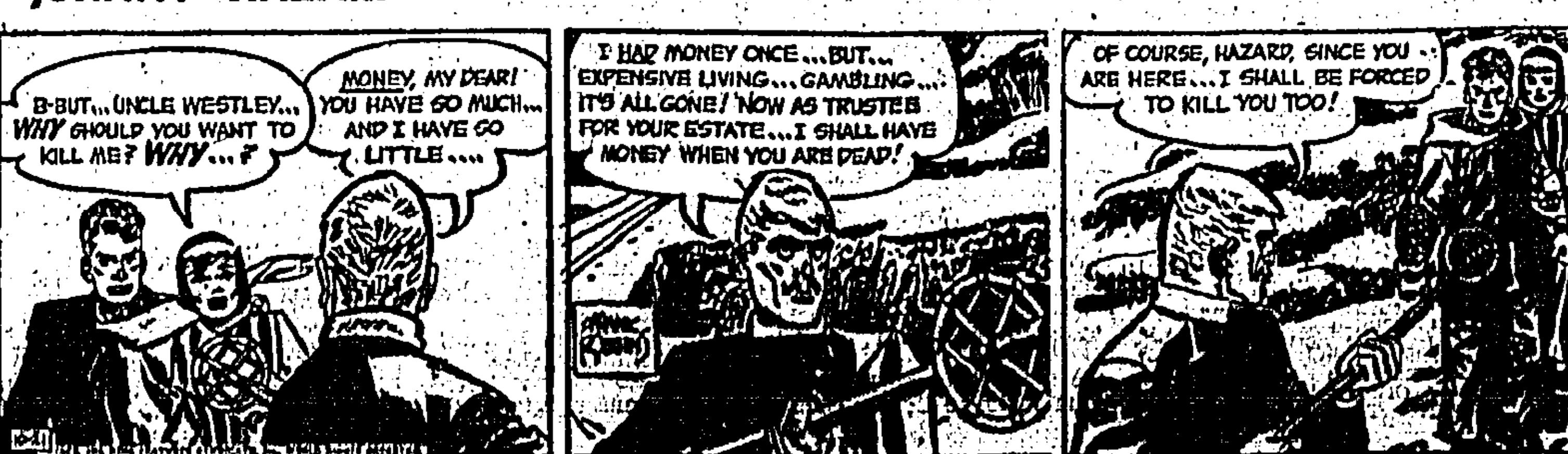
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IN MALAYALondon, Feb. 2.
The Women's Institute, centre of English village life, is becoming popular in Malaya.

In three months, Miss Margaret Herbertson, 81-year-old Londoner, has started 40 institutes in jungle villages.

A spokesman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes said in London: "Miss Herbertson is teaching 'Malayan' women needlework, handicrafts and other institute work."

Miss Herbertson, in one of her despatches, describes the inaugural meeting of one institute in a school, built on piles.

The chairman signed the rules with a cross, and husbands lounged in the doorway to see what their wives were doing.

Miss Herbertson is appealing for handcraft materials for the Malayan women. The traditional "rag-bag" of the English home is unknown in Malaya.

ROLLED COPPER
EXPORTS DOWNTokyo, Feb. 2.
Exports of rolled copper in December were extremely low with 120 tons shipped and 100 tons signed for export, according to the Rolled Copper Makers Association.

This was mainly due to the high prices of copper ingots. Last year's export contracts amounted to 4,900 tons and shipments to 4,492 tons against 1951 export contracts of 9,052 tons and shipments of 8,097 tons.—France-Press.

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Charter Rates At Lowest Point Since The War

New York, Feb. 2.

World rates for time charter dry cargo vessels dropped to the lowest point in December since World War II, shipping sources reported today. Rates for tankers were also off sharply in December.

Time charter rates averaged only 60.4 in December (July-December 1947 equals 100). This was slightly more than one-quarter of the 224.2 level which prevailed at the start of the year. The previous postwar low was registered in March, 1950, when the rate was 63.3.

Rates rose sharply following outbreak of the Korean war, and reached a record of 249.5 in November, 1951. Since then they have declined almost steadily.

Trip charter rates—those paid for a single voyage rather than for a specified period—did not rise to the peak set by the time charter vessels and have not declined as far. The trip charter index for December was 89.3, which was well above the post-war low of 67.5 set in October, 1949.

Rates for tankers in the dollar areas (based on the old U.S. Maritime Commission scale as 100) were down to 107.8 in December. This compared with 203.6 in January a year ago. Tankers in the Sterling Areas (with the British Ministry of Transport scale as 100) recorded a rate of 150.8 in December, compared with 401.8 in January, 1952.

Extreme weakness is reported to be continuing in the tanker ship market. Rates for one ship were recorded at 35 per cent below the old U.S. Maritime Commission level. In the Persian Gulf, however, rates are reported to be improving. Meanwhile, American tramp ship operators have formed a

new organization—the American Tramp Ship Owners Association, Inc.—in an effort to get higher charter rates.

About 40 companies owning more than 100 ships, mostly Liberty, are represented. Tramp operators have two objectives. One is to obtain higher charter rates from the Military Sea Transport Service. The other is to persuade the Government to make operating differential subsidies, now available only to 15 lines designated by the Government, to all operators of U.S. flag vessels.

Charter rates for Liberty's have been advanced from \$1,275 daily to about \$1,475 for recent charters, but tramp operators maintain that it costs \$1,000 to \$1,700 a day to operate the vessels.—Associated Press.

Price Of Copper

Santiago, Feb. 2.

The Chilean Finance Minister said that Chile had no plans to raise the price of copper, now sold at 33½ cents a pound. He made the statement in reply to forecasts by two New York financial publications that the price of copper would be altered.—United Press.

Not To Sell
Silver

Mexico City, Feb. 2.
Sources linked with the Bank of Mexico said today this country has no intention at present of selling silver despite the recent price increase to 83¼ cents U. S. per ounce.

Mexico retired from the market more than a year ago when the price dropped. Since then she has bought silver and held it as backing for her paper currency.

Many economists here think the price of silver will go up to 90 cents an ounce within a few months. There is some indication the Bank of Mexico does not intend to sell below this figure.—Associated Press.

Liverpool Cotton Trading

Decision On Private
Limited Companies

London, Feb. 2.

The Liverpool Cotton Association has decided to admit private limited companies to full membership, thus paving the way for reopening of the futures market in raw cotton.

Buying and selling of cotton in Britain have been under the Government control for the past 13 years.

Early in the war, the Liverpool cotton market was closed and in March 1942, buying and selling of cotton were taken over by the Cotton Control Board.

Last year there was a partial resumption of private trading in raw cotton when the Government allowed individual spinners the option of making their own arrangements for purchases in certain brands. These free imports began in September.

Mr James Reynolds, President of the Liverpool Cotton Association, emphasised that one of the main functions of the Association was to run the futures market and, to be able to perform this function, it was necessary to attract capital to the market.

In an official statement issued after the meeting, the Association said that at present there is nothing to prevent spinners or any other cotton trading concern from forming a company which can have all the privileges of Liverpool membership, including the right to trade upon any reopened futures market.

The Association said that all preparatory steps must be taken before such reopening could take place.

However, traders said this emphasis by the Association only means that it is not sure of the date since it is known that the Government's policy is to reopen such markets as soon as possible.—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 2.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 20 to 35 points lower with sales totalling 40 contracts. The futures and spot markets eased in the continued absence of consumer buying interest but Eastern shipment offerings continued in light supply. Prices closed today as follows:—

March	27.65
May	27.15-1/8
July	26.75 nominal
September	26.35
December	26.00
March	26.00
Spot	26 1/2

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 2.

The rubber market was quiet today. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pieces

March 27 1/2

May 27 1/8

July 26 3/4

September 26 1/2

December 26 1/4

March 26 1/4

Spot 26 1/2

—United Press.

Frankfurt Fair

New York, Feb. 2.

At least 29 nations will be represented at the Frankfurt International Spring Fair from February 22-26, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported. There will include two new nations—Mongolia and Haiti.—Associated Press.

Wheat Trade To Revert To Free Basis?

Sydney, Feb. 2.

Australian wheat-growers would prefer to see the International Wheat Agreement (I.W.A.) renewed as a result of the International Wheat Council meeting now being held in Washington.

But many observers in the wheat industry here see a distinct likelihood that world trade in wheat will revert to a free basis after the four-year-old IWA expires next July 31.

Australia is represented by Sir John Gonsdale, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, and the Deputy High Commissioner in London, Edwin McCarthy. Acting as observer for Australian growers is Tom C. Stott, general secretary of the Australian Wheat-growers Federation.

The main wheat-exporting countries, the United States, Canada and Australia, are expected to present some sort of united front for higher prices in any new agreement. However, it is obvious the IWA's fate will depend largely on what buying nations can pay.

The IWA came into operation in August 1949 for a period of four years. It laid down maximum and minimum prices for wheat deals among member nations. A quota was fixed for each exporting nation to sell within the agreed price range. Surplus could be exported at the "free" world price.

Under IWA, the exporting nations were bound to sell at the maximum fixed price the

quantity they guaranteed to supply. Importing nations were bound to buy at the minimum fixed price the quantities they guaranteed to buy.

CRITICS' ARGUMENT

Critics point out that in its four years of operation the IWA has really favoured the buyers far more than sellers because the "free" market price rose to almost 30 per cent above the fixed export maximum. Australian wheat farmers complain that the IWA cost them some \$20 million a year as a result of this price difference.

Representatives of the 40 member nations of the International Wheat Council met in London last May to discuss renewal of the agreement, but the conference ended in a deadlock. It broke up chiefly because importers indicated they were not prepared to pay higher prices under any new agreement. Australia and the other exporters would not give in, either.

A special committee was set up after the conference to examine the possibility of introducing some flexibility into the world price limits.

The committee submitted preliminary proposals last July and member nations will be giving their decisions at the Washington conference.

Some experts here think that increased production in Canada and the U.S. will make the North American producers adopt an attitude of "higher prices or no agreement." However, they point out, several important developments will have to be considered. These are:

AUSTRALIAN POSITION

1. Favourable seasons have given some of the larger importing countries better crops and lowered their export requirements.

2. Argentina, with a crop three times as large as last season's, brings the South American country close to becoming a major exporter.

3. Stockpiling by some European countries—which has been in progress for some years—is likely to be curtailed and possibly discontinued altogether.

4. Currency difficulties. Australia exports most of her wheat to Sterling countries and therefore has less worries about its customers striking currency difficulties.

This would put Australia at least theoretically in a better position if the wheat trade suddenly plunges into cut-throat competition. Various experts have repeatedly warned such competition is inevitable if the IWA is scrapped.

Australian economists also see the country's wheat industry as important to any immediate improvement in the balance of payments. They constantly call for increased production, pointing out that exports of Australian wheat save dollars for the Sterling nations.—United Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 2.

Chicago grains were lower as sellers indicated disappointment over the failure of some specific firms to make sales. Other sellers regarded the President's message as deflationary. The commodity market receded in later trading after the futures index touched the highest level in over three weeks. Wheat closed 1-1/4 and soybeans were 3/4 to 1-1/4 lower. Prices of grain futures closed as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.27 1/2
March	2.27 1/2
May	2.27 1/2
July	2.27 1/2
September	2.27 1/2
December	2.27 1/2
Corn	
Spot	1.69 1/2
March	1.69 1/2
May	1.69 1/2
July	1.69 1/2
September	1.69 1/2
December	1.69 1/2
Rye	
Spot	3.75 nominal
March	3.75 nominal
May	3.75 nominal
July	3.75 nominal
September	3.75 nominal
December	3.75 nominal
Oats	
Spot	75 1/2
March	75 1/2
May	75 1/2
July	75 1/2
September	75 1/2
December	75 1/2
Barley	
Spot	1.10 nominal
March	1.10 nominal
May	1.10 nominal
July	1.10 nominal
September	1.10 nominal
December	1.10 nominal

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates:—

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Ceylon Decision Attacked

Strong Criticism By
London Journal

London, Feb. 2.

The latest development of the Ceylon Government's policy of reserving all new avenues of commerce exclusively to nationals of Ceylon is strongly criticised by the Financial Times.

The paper points out that, under this policy, the Government of Ceylon has decided to restrict the rubber trade with China to Ceylonese nationals to the detriment of European interests. The only new aspect of this long-established trade, however, is that it is now being conducted under Government contract—whereby rice is received by Ceylon and rubber by China.

The Financial Times relates this policy to the recent decision of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers to encourage investment in under-developed member countries.

But clearly, it says, such a policy can only be successful if there is co-operation between those countries which provide the capital and those who absorb it.

It is regrettable that so soon after the conference there should have been an example of decidedly uncooperative conduct on the part of one country—Ceylon.

CAUSING CONCERN

There is no quarrel, the paper continues, with a policy of "Ceylonisation" as such, but the latest development of this policy is one which is understandably causing concern.

"In face of this situation," it says, "the European interests affected are intimidated that they would, if they lost this trade, have to dismiss employees who became redundant and as a result the Government of Ceylon has decided to delay the full implementation of its policy."

"For the time being the Government—which is the sole buyer—will still purchase rubber from the European houses. But this will cease as soon as employees of the rubber department have secured employment elsewhere, and for this provision is being made."

"There is no sign that the Government has changed its intentions, and these are unfortunate not only because they are grounded on an inaccurate definition of the nature of the rubber trade."

"More important still is the fact that these intentions, which run contrary to Ministers' declarations that Europeans need fear no danger to their investments, may act as a discouragement to future capital investment in Ceylon which is so badly needed."

"For the present policy could be an unfortunate precedent and one that might be applied to other commodities besides rubber," London Express Service.

COTTON PRICES IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 2.

Cotton prices today settled back after a hold attempt toward a rally in the forenoon. Contracts gave up early gains to \$1.50 a bale closing mostly at small net declines.

Buyers lost heart when the President's message to Congress failed to develop any specific action on farm legislation. Other traders read deflationary implications into the message.

Bullish sentiment dented when a leading spot firm became a leading seller in the noon hour, putting around 15,000 bales of May contracts into the ring. Simultaneously it sold around 5,000 bales of March against New Orleans purchases presumably on a straddle operation.

March liquidation increased following the rise in certificated stock to the season's high of 153,870 bales. Technicians also took profits. The early firmness was coupled with covering before the President's message, plus expectations of a higher loan rate on 15-16 inch cotton next year and renewed textile activity.

The market opened up 8 to 10 points and closed off 10 to up 2 points.

Spot 31.95 || March | 32.25 |
May	32.50
July	32.75
September	33.00
December	33.25
March	33.50
Spot	31.95

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 2.

The tin market was steady and quiet. Turnover was 35 tons including 10 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Tony's Fortune

It was late in the evening, and a boy, poorly dressed against the cold, shuffled slowly round Eaton Square. His hands were thrust deep into his trouser pockets, and for most of the time, he buried his chin in the turned-up lapels of his shabby jacket, against the thin wind that blew from the east.

Occasionally the boy looked up with envy to the handsome houses of the square, and the stony look they gave back seemed like a challenge.

For these had once been the stately, solid, town houses of wealthy men possessing several homes. Now many of them contained in themselves several homes; and in the flats, a new kind of elegance flowered, a way of life not duly passed from father to son, but excitingly possible to win.

THE boy returned the houses' stare. Sometime, he would take up the challenge; just now, the peak and pinnacle of his ambition was to find shelter, for he had not upon him the price of a bed.

Greatly daring, he began to explore the basement areas of the houses. He darted down steps, tried such doors as there were, and when he found them locked cautiously came up to street level again.

It was as he crept up for the third time thus, that two men appeared from out of the shadows and placed themselves on either side of him.

"Now then," they said, "what are you up to?" They were policemen in plain clothes.

The boy whose name was Tony, began a lame explanation, which did not satisfy the officers. They arrested him, and next morning he was brought into the dock at Great Marlborough Street, where he pleaded guilty to being a suspected person loitering with intent to enter premises.

"THERE are no previous convictions against him," said the officer in charge of the case, to the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, VC, "but he admits a finding of guilt against him as a juvenile in 1948 when he was sent to an approved school for burning down a hut."

"He lost three fingers in a timber-yard accident and was awarded £150 compensation. I believe he's had £20 of that, and was entitled to the rest when he became 21, which was last December. He's not drawn it yet and has been living since October on 30s a week National Assistance."

"Why do you wander the streets?" Mr. Bennett asked Tony, a small, squarely-built, snub-nosed boy.

"Couldn't get fixed up anywhere," Tony said.

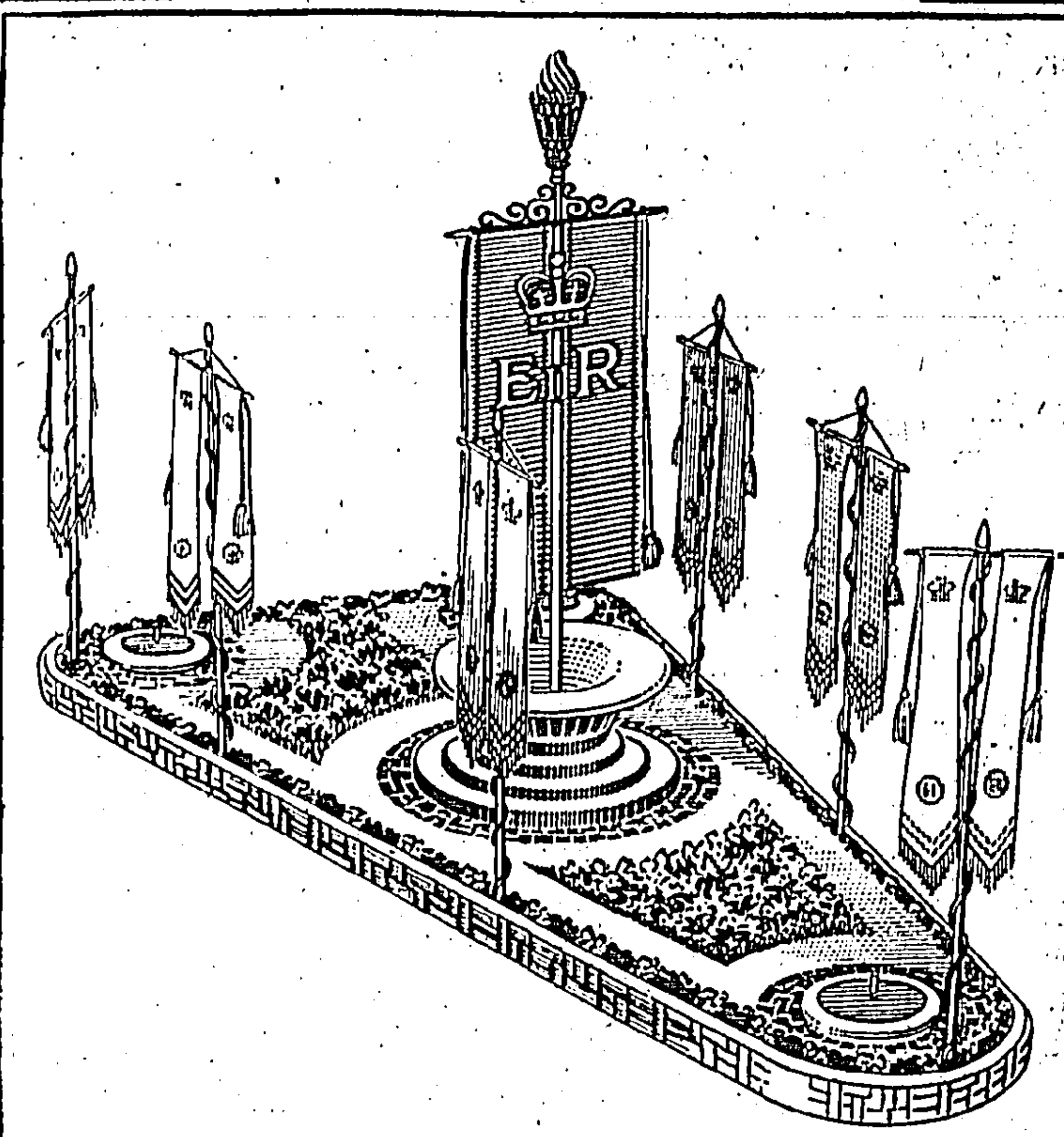
The magistrate called in Mr. Charles Morgan, the probation officer. "Is he a rolling stone?" he asked. Mr. Morgan thought not, and the magistrate turned to Tony. "I want to find out more about you," he said. "Go with Mr. Morgan. He's your friend. You may not think so now, but you will later on."

TONY was led off. A week later he was brought back to the dock, and the probation officer went into the witness-box. "It is quite true," Mr. Morgan said, "that there is £150 due to this man. There will be certain formalities before he can get the money."

So once again Tony was remanded. But this time it was so that the formalities that lay between him and his small fortune might be completed.

For a week, in the remand prison, he would be able to dream dreams of what he would do with the money. A week to dream and plan and scheme. And who knows what may come from it? Great fortunes have been founded on less capital. Perhaps he will answer now the challenge of the houses in Eaton Square, that are a kind of post-war symbol of success. Perhaps he will be a success himself.

Coronation Decorations For HK



Here are an artist's impressions of how the two principal set pieces in the Colony's coronation decorations will appear. Above is the scheme for the Star Ferry concourse in Kowloon. Opposite, the main decorative plan for Statue Square. Government will be responsible for erecting these decorations and both designs have been officially approved.

CASHIER'S SERIOUS OFFENCE

Mr. R. W. S. Winter refused Ng Kien-man's appeal to be bound over on a charge of larceny at Central this morning, and added that "such offences are repeatedly occurring in the Colony". He sentenced defendant to six months' imprisonment.

Ng admitted stealing \$25,330.86 from the Head Office of the Queen's Theatre on January 28, and said that he had squandered the money in gambling at the Race Course and Macao. He added that he had stolen the money because his wife was giving birth at the time and that he had a family to support.

Representing defendant, Mr. W. C. H. Carr, submitted that Ng had already refunded \$5,000 to the Company and would hand over the balance to two of his houses in Canton, to cover the sum he had stolen.

The Police said that defendant had been employed as a cashier of the Queen's Theatre since March 1950 and that he was in charge of the financial transactions between the Theatre and the Head Office.

On January 25, this year, Ng asked for three days' leave and absconded with \$25,330.86. The theft was discovered on January 28 and was reported to the Police. A warrant was issued for defendant's arrest on the following day, but on February 2 defendant gave himself up at the Central Police station.

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